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**TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:**

This Declaration establishes the inventors' conception and reduction to practice of the invention in the United States on a date before 23 September 2003, which is the filing date of U.S. Patent 6,947,280 issued to Li.

I, Thomas S. Neal, hereby declare the following:

1) I am an inventor of the invention described and claimed in U.S. Patent Application, Serial No. 10/800,280, which was filed on 12 March 2004. Before 23 September 2003 and in the United States, I, Ms. Voon and Mr. Jacobs conceived and built a storage compartment and a computer system, each having the claimed features.


2) Exhibit 1 is a copy of a photograph of an embodiment of a computer system that corresponds to the embodiment of a computer system shown in FIG. 2 (Exhibit 2) of the patent application. The embodiment shown in the photograph was made before 23 September 2003. Exhibit 1 shows a computer system having a housing that includes a storage compartment. Exhibits 3 and 4 are copies of other photographs of the embodiment of the computer system shown in Exhibit 1. Exhibit 3 shows the storage compartment having a bottom, a sidewall, and a post that includes a body and a coupling element. Exhibit 3 also shows the post lying in a groove in the bottom of the storage compartment. Exhibit 4 shows the storage compartment having the post extending out of the groove and into an interior of the storage compartment. Exhibit 4 also shows a door to the storage compartment in an opened position. Exhibits 1, 2, 3 and 4 are true copies.

3) I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true; that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like, if so made, are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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